

Though the ruling is coming close, I would like to express my concern over the implications of this ruling. Anything that limits consumer choice and freedom is bad for the entertainment industry and the manufacturers of entertainment equipment. The fear of copyright infringement by broadcasting companies is based entirely on a misunderstanding of technology, and a general mistrust of consumers. There have been many studies that show piracy does not come from the general populace, and in fact recent research into the source of pirated movies on Peer to Peer networks (Kazaa, etc) shows that they are leaked by industry insiders more often than not.

Mandating copyright protection on digital television services will only upset the consumer, it will not solve piracy problems.

Thank you for your attention.